

BARBARA ROSS-LEE, D.O., FACOFP
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Barbara Ross-Lee, D.O., FACOFP, joined New York Institute of Technology in February 2001 as both vice president for health sciences and medical affairs and dean of the School of Allied Health and Life Sciences. On July 1, 2002 she assumed the position of dean of the New York College of Osteopathic Medicine of New York Institute of Technology (NYCOM). Dr. Ross-Lee came to NYIT from Ohio University, where she served as a dean since 1993. As dean of the medical school, Dr. Ross-Lee oversaw the medical education program, healthcare delivery programs, research and community service projects. She holds a Doctor of Osteopathy degree from Michigan State University, bachelor's and master's degrees from Wayne State University.

Formerly the chair of the department of family medicine and associate dean for health policy at the Michigan State University College of Medicine (MSU-COM), Dr. Ross-Lee was the first osteopathic physician to participate in the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy Fellowship, where she served as legislative assistant for health to Senator Bill Bradley. She has a strong background in health policy issues, and serves as an advisor on primary care, medical education, minority health, women's health and rural health care issues on the federal and state levels.

Dr. Ross-Lee graduated from Wayne State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in biology and chemistry, and a master's degree in teaching special populations. Graduating from MSU-COM in September 1973, she ran a solo family practice in Detroit prior to pursuing an academic medicine career. Dr. Ross-Lee is a Fellow of the American Osteopathic Board of Family Physicians. Dr. Ross-Lee has lectured widely and has also published more than 30 scholarly articles on a variety of medical and health-care issues.

Under Dr. Ross-Lee's leadership, OU-COM was instrumental in the creation of the Centers for Osteopathic Research and Education (CORE), a statewide vertically integrated education consortium. She is the director of the Osteopathic Heritage Health Policy Fellowship Program, which prepares osteopathic physicians for leadership roles in health policy. She also serves as executive director of the Institute for National Health Policy and Research, and as executive director of NOMA (the osteopathic affiliate of the NMA).

Dr. Ross-Lee serves on the board of directors for the Association of Academic Health Centers, the National Fund for Medical Education, and the National Health Service Corps Association of Clinicians for the Underserved. She is a member of the AOA Bureau of Professional Education and chairs the AOA's Minority Health Initiative. Dr. Ross-Lee is a member of the NIH Advisory Committee on Research on Women's Health and chairs the American Association of Colleges of Osteopathic Medicine Board of Governors.

She has received numerous awards including the Patenge Medal of Public Service from Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2001; an honorary Doctor of Science degree from NYIT in 1998; Women's Health Award presented by the Blackboard African-American Bestsellers, Inc. in 1994; and the Magnificent Seven Award presented by Business and Professional Women/USA in 1994.